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REF: SGAA-6172, KAPOK-2001, 24 September 1953

1. Personnel

No change in the number of personnel assigned to OBOPUS. However, [] joined the desk on 21 August following home leave and [] departed for Headquarters for home leave and training on 11 September. [] has assumed the duties of OBOPUS reports officer and will handle some of [] activities during his absence. [] assignment to this desk is particularly welcome at this time as we are making a concerted effort on reports, particularly those derived from refugee interrogations. During most of his first tour here, [] was not assigned to the operational desk and it is hoped this change will prove beneficial.

2. Air Operations

a. In an effort to establish contact with AILION, a flight was made to the Shkoder area on the night of 22/23 August. On this operation a signal flare was set off at the exact spot requested by ATQIAD who had made contact with XN MALEDICT leaders and [] Rome in mid-August for the express purpose of revealing a plan whereby the Western powers could establish contact with this well known operative of the Yugoslavs. As cover P/W material including the first issue of OBEEK was dropped all along the route.

b. As a scheduled follow up to the flare drop a resupply mission was flown 3 nights later (August 25/26) to an island in the Drin River in the heart of AILION's territory. According to plan AILION was to await pick up, but as this was naturally impossible 2 bundles were prepared containing usual resupply items and instructions to await further word in the September moon period. Although reception flares were not sighted, both bundles were dropped at this tricky D/Z according to our briefing on the basis that OBOPUS should carry through with the drop per the original plan. A load of P/W material was also left behind at various selected points along the route.

c. A leaflet drop was flown on the night of the 9/10 September. The second issue of OBEEK comprised the bulk of the load.

3. Operations

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3. Operations

a. Apple Tree/2

(1) The following contacts were made with Apple/2 during this report period:

<u>Contact</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Document Number</u>
162	19 August	SGAA-5472; 4565
163	31 August	SGAA-5892; 4657
164	1 September	SGAA-6001; 4657
165	14 September	SGAA-6048; 4865

(2) During the report period W/T traffic fell noticeably. The operator reported difficulty with the set and base interpreted Apple's failure to come on the air for a number of contacts as an indication the team was attempting to conserve their batteries. The team was instructed to standby for a resupply operation in the September moon period and exfiltration was proposed. Because of the relative ineffectiveness of the team in recent months and because of the question of control, this seems to be our only logical course of action, though it must be stated exfiltration will be a very difficult undertaking. We are continuing to regard the team as possibly under control.

b. Throttler

This two man team exfiltrated on 28 August after spending three weeks on their mission. Their performance was not up to usual team standards because of failure to make contact with known sympathizers and it is not expected the team will be reinfilitrated this season unless a target of opportunity presents itself, thereby justifying a second operation. It is felt a return to Albania to exploit present leads would not be sufficiently productive. Nonetheless, the team members have something positive to contribute to our activities and we are hoping to use one or both more productively in 1954. For a report on this operation, please see SGAA-6062, KAPOK-1976, 18 September 1953.

c. Fig Tree

Headquarters has been kept informed of the fortunes of this team. Similar to our experience in 1952, Fig's first effort to infiltrate failed due to enemy opposition. This was followed by a period of waiting in the Athens area for favorable conditions. As reported in detail in SGAA-6060, KAPOK-1975, 18 September 1953, the team successfully penetrated on the night of September 7/8. W/T contact has been established and the team has reached their general area of operation.

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d. Willow

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d. Willow

This team continued on the inactive list during the report period. Unfortunately, our hands are tied with respect to their use for the time being and probably for the balance of the year. This comes from the fact that Fig is presently operating in territory immediately adjacent to Willow's and OBOPUS has no intention of over saturating the area which might result from reinfiltration of Willow. Added to our fears on that account is the impending Apple/2 exfiltration through this area.

e. Observant

No developments of importance. In SGAA-5928, KAPOK-1950, 5 September 1953, we have submitted a plan for use of GADUNCE on a part time basis in an operation against Albanian maritime personnel.

f. Oblavate

Gaccent continues to report on activities at Lavrion.

4. OBATLANTIS

Finishing touches were put on the installations by [] and his group. By the end of the report period OBATLANTIS was in first class operating condition and [] deserves credit for accomplishing this under difficult conditions. No earthquake damage of any consequence occurred; regulations against the presence of shipping in the area have proved effective. The completion of the support vessel virtually ends the preparatory phase of this project.

5. []

[] continued his routine activities and has gradually become well established []. He has also made contact with [] at Kastoria which will be continued on a regular basis. At the end of the period under review final arrangements were being made for opening of the W/T circuit to Ioannina. We are confident KUBARK has a valuable asset [] which is already able to serve a wide variety of our needs.

6. Psych activities

Please see SGAA-6172. KAPOK-2001, 24 September 1953 and the air operations section of this report. [] arrival has been an aid and a stimulant to the broad program we are continuing to pursue. Of particular note during this period were the drops of the first two issues of OBEEK and continuation of the use of the defection appeal. Heavy jamming of HTGRUBBY began in earnest in late August and continued during the balance of the report period.

7. Action Outstanding - Washington

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All current outstanding business will be discussed at the meeting with Headquarters personnel in London.

8. Action Outstanding []

- a. Exfiltration Apple Tree/2.
- b. Continuation efforts contact ALLION.
- c. Provision lek for Headquarters' examination. As reported, [] office has promised currency on a loan basis, but difficulty has been encountered in obtaining delivery to date.
- e. Preparation of plan for 1954 OBOPUS activities.
- f. Activation [] W/T circuit.

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